Compared to the first quarter of 2020, fuel imports decreased by 19 per cent in the second quarter of this year. In June, fuel imports were the lowest ever recorded since the start of the conflict. The Government of Yemen (GoY) stopped issuing permits for fuel vessels to enter Hudaydah as of 4 June in the wake of a political dispute with the Houthi authorities over fuel import revenues. More than 20 vessels with 550,000 MT of fuel are currently waiting to enter Hudaydah. In early July, the GoY allowed four ships entry into Hudaydah.

Fuel prices fell in the second quarter of 2020, decreasing by 19 per cent compared to the first quarter, when prices had steadily increased. The decrease in prices this quarter may reflect the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on global fuel prices. Data for June are as of mid-month and do not fully cover the impact of suspension of commercial fuel shipments announced by GoY on 4 June. Prices remain well over twice as high as the pre-conflict average.

Food imports for the second quarter of 2020 reached 895,655 metric tons, which represents a 30 per cent increase from imports in the first quarter of 2020. Commercial food import levels have continued to increase gradually every month, with June levels reaching 111 per cent of requirements – the highest since May 2019.

Food prices increased by 7 per cent in the second quarter of 2020. By June prices had reached 138 per cent of the pre-crisis average. Increases may reflect the impact of low food import levels until May, especially in the first months of the year. Price rises also reflect further depreciation of the Yemeni rial. Data for June are as of mid-month.
Commercial Import Volumes via UNVIM-monitored Red Sea Ports (Hudaydah and Saleef) in Metric Tons
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